

DR. SMITH PRESIDENT

Elected Successor of Dr. Denny at
Washington and Lee

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of Davidson College, North Carolina, was today elected president of Washington and Lee University to succeed President George H. Denny, who resigned to accept the presidency of the University of Alabama. The action of the Board of Trustees was unanimous. It is believed that Dr. Smith will accept.

The meeting was held this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock, there being present Trustees G. B. Strickler, W. A. Anderson, A. T. Barclay, R. H. Fleming, L. H. Cooke, Wm. Ingles, J. S. Munce, F. T. Glasgow, P. M. Penick, J. L. Campbell and A. H. Hamilton.

Shortly after the resignation of President Denny, the Board of Trustees appointed a committee consisting of Dr. G. B. Strickler, the rector, and Messrs. Paul M. Penick and Lucian H. Cooke, trustees, to investigate and recommend some available man as his successor as president of Washington and Lee. After a thorough canvass of the field the committee decided to recommend President Henry Louis Smith, Ph.D., LL.D., now at the head of Davidson College, North Carolina.

Dr. Smith has had marked success at Davidson. In ten years the attendance has increased from 122 students to 350. He assumed his duties as president the same year that Dr. Denny became president of Washington and Lee. Their achievements have been strikingly similar as to increased attendance, wider areas of patronage, greatly increased material equipment and extended educational opportunities.

Though born in Greensboro, N. C., July 30, 1859, many ties bind Dr. Smith to the State of Virginia. His father, the well-known Presbyterian divine, Dr. Jacob Henry Smith, was reared in Lexington, and was graduated from Washington College, now Washington and Lee University. His grandfather, Mr. Samuel R. Smith, for many years lived in Lexington and died here. In 1881, Dr. Smith took A. B. at Davidson College. In 1886, this same institution awarded him the degree of M. A., and the University of North Carolina conferred LL. D. upon him in 1906. By virtue of his position and attainments, Dr. Smith is a member of a number of prominent scientific and educational associations.

It may be of interest to add that Dr. Smith is a brother of Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Virginia, Rev. Egbert Smith, D. D., co-ordinate secretary of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Hay Watson Smith of Little Rock, Ark.

Lee-Jackson Camp Elected Officers
For Next Year

At the annual meeting of Lee-Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans held in the Courthouse Friday last, the following officers were elected:

Commander, W. C. Stuart; 1st lieutenant commander, D. E. Moore; 2nd lieutenant commander, Jacob Gassman; 3rd lieutenant commander, A. A. Waddell; adjutant, T. M. Wade; chaplain, Dr. Charles Manly; quartermaster, T. S. White; treasurer, S. R. Moore; color sergeant, George Ginger; 1st color guard, W. P. Johnston; 2nd color guard, Geo. D. Dixon; vidette, W. H. Whitmore.

The first five officers were designated as the executive committee.

The Daughters of the Confederacy conferred "Crosses of Honor" on the following Veterans:

Lieutenant J. W. Gillock, W. Howard Houston, Rev. W. Finley Junkin, J. T. Lackey, Wm. Stoner, J. Moffett McClung, D. H. Rosen, H. J. V. Withrow, W. D. Deacon.

The following pension papers were passed:

Chas. P. Allstock, Co. H, 4th Virginia Infantry.

John McC. Ewing, Co. F, 27th Va. Infantry.

Nancy Jane Ferguson, widow of W. M. Ferguson, Co. K, 11th Va. Infantry.

Lavenia F. Rhea, widow of Sam'l Rhea, Co. H, 14th Va. Infantry.

Adjutant Stuart called the meeting to order and presided.

FEDERAL GENERALS CAPTURED

Thrilling Raid Into Cumberland by
Confederate Troopers

The thrilling story of the exploit by sixty-five Confederate troopers under the command of Lieutenant Jesse C. McNeill, who marched into Cumberland, Md., before daylight on the morning of February 21, 1865, captured Major Generals Crook and Kelly and without the loss of a single man carried their distinguished prisoners back into the Confederate lines, was graphically related on Lee-Jackson Day, last Friday, the 19th, before the Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederates by Veteran Jacob Gassman, who was a participant in the daring raid.

Mr. Gassman illustrated the places mentioned in his recital by a map. He stated that in the latter part of the war he was wounded and was recuperating in Hardy county, now West Virginia. He was a member of Company I, 7th Virginia Cavalry. When Lieutenant McNeill was arranging to start from Moorefield for Cumberland, Md., a distance of sixty miles, to capture Generals Crook and Kelly, he invited Mr. Gassman to join the party, because he was familiar with that section of the country, and was reared in Cumberland. His services, therefore, were valuable to the men engaged in such a daring exploit. Following is his story:

Our troopers started on their perilous expedition Monday morning, February 20th. They reached the home of Voss Harriott, near Romney, about 8 o'clock at night and left several hours afterwards. We continued the journey over Middle Ridge and across the valley of Patterson's creek through the ridges beyond the base of Knobly Mountain, where a northeasterly direction was taken. Passing up this gap over the icy road, the fields above were covered with snow and the thermometer registering at zero. In order to reach Cumberland in time, it was necessary to go the shorter route by way of the New Creek road. About two miles from Cumberland, where the road defects to the left and winds up through the ravine and over the hill to the city a cavalry picket was stationed at the mouth of the ravine. As we reached this point a solitary vidette was observed standing on the roadside, who upon noticing our approach gave the challenge: "Halt! who comes there?" "Friends from New Creek" was the answer.

Lieutenant McNeill putting spurs to his horse rushed towards the picket and as his horse passed, unable to check his speed, he fired. Others of our party came up and secured the picket. Two other pickets, at a distance of several hundred yards, seeing the trouble of their companion, hastily decamped. They were pursued, however, and captured. From them, by threats of summary punishment, the countersign was secured, which was "Bull's Gap." The next post was about a mile away, at the junction of the road which we were on with the old Frostburg pike. As we drew near their log fire around which they were playing cards, one of the men got up, reached for his musket and advanced to halt us. To his formal challenge, one of our men answered, "Friends, with the countersign." Our men advanced rapidly and surrounded the Federals and, without a single shot, captured them. Their guns were broken and they were left unguarded under parole. We were now in the picket lines and a short distance away was the slumbering city.

After a consultation as to how the capture of the two Generals Crook and Kelly should be made, we entered the city and rode boldly up Baltimore street. Some of the men went to the Barnum House where General Kelly lodged, and some to the Revere House where General Crook had his headquarters. I was with the latter party. Formerly I had clerked at that hotel, which was owned by my uncle, and was familiar with the location of the rooms.

Sentries were on duty walking up and down in front of each hotel. At the Revere House this officer was captured and silenced. Then Sergeants Vandiver and Daily, Mr. Tucker and myself went into the hotel and General Crook's room was revealed to us by a colored boy. While the other men were getting a light I went at once to General Crook's room, and knocked on the door. A voice within asked, "Who's there?" I replied, "A friend." I

was invited to enter. By that time Sergeants Vandiver and Daily had come up and together we entered the room. Approaching the bed Sergeant Vandiver said in a pompous tone, "General Crook, you are my prisoner." "What authority have you for this?" inquired Crook. "The authority of General Rosser," said Vandiver. "Is Rosser in town?" asked Crook. "Yes," replied Daily, "with 2,500 men." Gen. Crook submitted to his fate. Daily took a field glass belonging to Crook, while I got a pair of corduroy pants, good ones, too.

General Kelly was captured at the Barnum House in a similar manner, together with his adjutant, Major Melvin.

After these captures our troopers rode in a quiet and orderly way down Baltimore street. On the way was a large livery stable where we stopped and took some fresh horses, among them being "Phillippi," General Kelly's charger. We then went down Canal street and on down the canal, there we ran into some guards, whom we captured. We destroyed their guns and ammunition and left them. We galloped down the tow path until halted by a picket about two miles below at the canal bridge. One of our men replied that our party was General Crook's bodyguard, when we were permitted to pass on.

When four or five miles from Cumberland we heard the boom of cannon, and we knew that our mission to that city was known to the enemy. In and around the city there were six or eight thousand Federal soldiers. A mounted force in pursuit came in sight at Patterson's Creek, but kept at a distance until after we had passed Romney, when a few shots were exchanged. On reaching Moorefield Valley a battalion of the Riggold Cavalry, sent from New Creek to intercept us, came in sight. We had hoped to pass through Moorefield with our prisoners in order to show our trophies to our friends, but decided that it would be unsafe, so we passed through the mountains east of Moorefield to a point of safety seven miles above where the night was spent. The distinguished prisoners were taken to Harrisonburg, whence they were sent to General Early at Staunton, thence "on to Richmond." They were exchanged in about three weeks, and on their return to Cumberland, the soldiers desiring to show their respect met them with a band of music playing. "Who's Been Here Since I've Been Gone?"

Valuable Farms for Sale

The Rockbridge Realty Corporation offers this week two valuable farms for sale, as follows:

637 acres, 14 miles from Lexington and 10 miles from Buchanan, five miles to N. & W. and C. & O. stations. Good fruit, excellent residence. Price, \$37 per acre.

90 acres, 4 1/2 miles from Buena Vista, 6 miles from Lexington. Good orchard. New residence. Price, \$6,000.

Church Supper

The ladies of Elliott's Hill church will have a social Wednesday, January 31, from 1 to 10 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Byron Zollman. Oysters, salad, ice cream and cake for sale. Proceeds for benefit of church. Public is invited.

The monthly meeting of the Civic League will be held in the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, January 30th at 4 p. m. It is hoped that all who gave their names for membership at the first meeting will be present promptly and also that all the ladies interested in the improvement of the town will come and join the league.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Holtz of Charlottesville were among the sufferers in the fire that occurred last week at the Leterman house, Charlottesville, where they occupied rooms. Their furniture was destroyed. Mrs. Holtz has been for some weeks in Lexington visiting her parents, Captain and Mrs. W. F. Pierson.

The agricultural meeting held under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture and the industrial department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Co. was well attended Saturday afternoon, and the talks were practical and informing.

Levi Miller of Winchester, the only colored pensioned Confederate soldier in Virginia, is in Lexington visiting his brother, George Miller. He was a slave before the war in the McChesney family near Brownsburg.

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Two Residents Near Vesuvius Are
Nearly Century Old

Gazette Correspondence

Vesuvius, Jan. 20.—On adjoining farms, in the Blue Ridge mountains, five miles above Vesuvius, live two remarkably old people, Mrs. Eliza Fauber and Mr. William Bradley, both of whom were born on the same day, viz., Feb. 14, 1817; therefore each will be 95 years old on February 14 next.

Mrs. Fauber makes her home with her son, Mr. D. F. Fauber, and has been very much afflicted for several years past, being totally blind, and further afflicted with cancer. She is a very devout Christian, having been a consistent member of the Methodist church since early youth, and her church relations having been strenuously opposed by parental objections, even to the point of being driven from home for refusal to renounce her religion. Her Christian experience is remarkable. She is of very cheerful disposition and in full possession of all her mental faculties, and is looking forward with pleasant anticipation to her birthday, which is St. Valentine's day, when she is always a delighted recipient of many valentines and post cards, from which she derives great pleasure.

Mr. Bradley resides on the same farm on which he was born, 95 years ago, an old "McCormick Farm," situated directly on top of the main ridge of the Blue Ridge and which can be seen for many miles up and down the Valley. Mr. Bradley has been married twice and is the father of 23 children, 22 of whom are now living.

News Items from Rockbridge Baths

Gazette Correspondence

Jan. 20.—Since our last letter to The Gazette we have had some very cold weather. Last Sunday morning, the 14th, will go down in history as the coldest morning we have ever had in this county, according to the opinion of our oldest citizens. The thermometers in the vicinity registered from 14 to 20 degrees below zero.

Mrs. Wm. Nuckols met with a very painful accident last Sunday morning on her way to church; she slipped and fell on the ice breaking one bone in her ankle and also a very bad sprain with it.

Dr. E. W. McCorkle has been holding a very interesting meeting at the McElwee chapel.

Little Flora Conner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conner, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is getting better.

Mr. H. E. Mohler spent several days in Covington last week.

Dr. H. R. Morrison has returned from Richmond where he has been to see his brother who is very ill at the Richmond Hospital.

According to all reports the cold weather hasn't prevented the stork from making his visits. He stopped at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McCurdy on the 13th and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Miller on the 15th, leaving them a fine daughter.

O. M. T.

The Deadly Lighted Match

Fire Commissioner Johnson finds that the careless throwing away of a lighted match caused the Equitable fire. So also to the careless dropping of a lighted match or cigarette was due the Asch fire disaster.

Edifying monuments these to the American habit of carelessness—the huddle of little graves of the unidentified dead of the Triangle horror, and the ice-clad ruins on Broadway where brave Battalion Chief Walsh lies buried. To have caused the two fire disasters which are, each of its kind, the worst in recent local history is an unenviable distinction.

Some day perhaps a less euphemistic term will be applied to the "carelessness" which so often has all the aspects of criminal recklessness. It is not presumed that the sight of a few practitioners of this sort of carelessness behind prison bars would reform the habits of a careless nation. But the example should prove salutary in a country which is beginning to apply stricter definitions to the crime of manslaughter.—New York World.

Married

SMITH-RAMSEY—At Lexington, Va., Jan. 20, 1912, by Rev. D. A. Penick, D. D., Mr. Harry William Smith and Miss Gertie May Ramsey, both of Rockbridge county.

Clerks G. F. Reveley and J. P. Alexander of the Lexington post-office, and City Carriers John Illig and Marion L. Beaton have had their salaries increased \$100, beginning with January 1st.

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General Passenger Agent,
Jan. 24 to Roanoke, Va.

Unclaimed Letters

Following is the list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Lexington postoffice for the week ending Jan. 20, 1912:

Cross, Charlie
Grove, F. A.
Peaisin, John H.
Taylor, Hon. M. P.
Morgan, Miss Eliza
Meider, W. W.
Manly, Rev. Samuel
McCormick, William G.
Ford, Mrs. Matilda
Freeland, Miss Maggie
Matheson, George R.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.

McCLUNG PATTON, P. M.

Senators Martin and Swanson were formally nominated yesterday in the General Assembly to succeed themselves in the United States Senate, and were elected today.

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